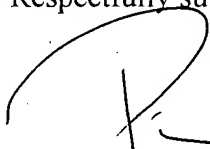


**Remarks**

Applicants have amended the specification to correct obvious typographical errors, and have submitted a formal drawing in replacement of informal Figure 1. No new matter has been added by way of this Preliminary Amendment, entry of which is respectfully requested.

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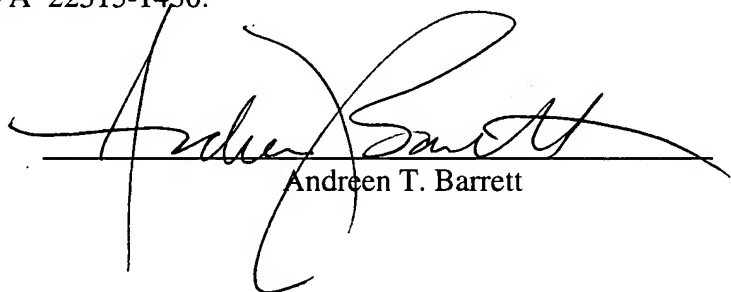
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